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Newark establishes
critical incident
team for police, fire

NEWARK — The City of Newark has established a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) team for personnel of the Police and Fire Departments, Mayor Sharpe James has announced. The team was created to help the City's "first-responders" and police officers deal with situations involving a critical incident such as a fire or high-speed chase, as well as the stress they face in their personal lives.

Rhona Fischer, the City's volunteer coordinator, has trained team members on their own time on weekends. Training has included problem identification, listening skills, intervention techniques and a basic understanding of emotional first aid. Throughout the training, the importance of confidentiality is stressed.

East Orange receives
funding for street
improvements

EAST ORANGE — Mayor Cardell Cooper announced that an improvement and reconstruction program for the city streets has commenced. These improvements have been made possible as a result of the city's receipt of approval for approximately \$1.16 million in funding from the New Jersey State Transportation Trust Fund. This includes a Community Development Block Grant, New State discretionary funding and the Safe and Clean Street Act.

Newark Council
adopts expanded
Urban Enterprise
Zone

NEWARK — The Newark Municipal Council has adopted a resolution that will expand the boundaries of Newark's Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) to include several new neighborhoods. The newly created zone will largely affect the East Ward, where for the first time, the Down Neck area will be included. Additional extensions in the north, south and west wards will expand the zone to the Belleville, Bloomfield, South Orange and Irvington borderlines.

Payne to hold
hearings on
abandoned
infants

NEWARK — Tenth District Congressman Donald Payne will hold a Congressional hearing on legislation to address the needs of infants who have been abandoned at birth. The "border babies" have been referred to as these infants because of the amount of time many are forced to live in hospitals.

The hearing, which is open to the public, will be held Friday, May 10, at 10 a.m. in the first floor conference room at the United Hospitals Medical Center, Annex Building, located at 15 South 9th Street in Newark. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

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Racism charged at the NJ Highway Authority

by L. Michelle Odom

pattern of discrimination in hiring by this agency.

Most recently, he was the sole vote against the creation of a new position — security manager for the Garden State Arts Center. He charges the position had already been advertised among "a very select group of law enforcement personnel," which did not include any African Americans or Hispanic.

The security manager would be responsible for training and supervising 40 or 50 state troopers as seasonal guards for the Arts Center. The position pays about \$800 a week, and, said Robinson, is an ideal job for a soon-to-retire state trooper.

His objection to creating this

position is based on personal knowledge that the position was discussed with troopers from predominantly white areas of the state, where no black or Hispanic troopers have been on the force long enough to be near retire-

ment. If the Highway Authority were serious about recruiting minority candidates, Robinson believes they would publicize the opening in Newark and Jersey City.

The situation with this new

position is that it highlights an emerging problem, said Robinson, "and the Chairman is not showing the kind of concern that I think a chairman should."

What really brought Robinson's objections to a head was the (Continued on page 10)

Newarkers approve
\$495.9 mil budget

by Terri Guess

NEWARK — Voters in the city approved a \$82.7 million city share of a proposed \$495.9 million budget for the next school year to be paid directly by local taxpayers, a school board bond issue for school facilities, and three school bonds for the city to be voted on during elections April 30.

The local share of \$82.7 million will be paid by local taxpayers for operating expenses.

Reports stated the local share of the budgeted \$2.3 million, but the overall budget is up from this year's \$423 million including Quality Education Act (QEAs) funds intended to equalize educational opportunities in "special needs" districts, including Newark.

Under the QEA, the district will receive an additional \$32 million in state aid.

Reports stated Mayor Sharpe James criticized the proposed budget because the board is not producing children who meet basic skills requirements with the present budget, and while the budget continues to increase the children continue to perform poorly on standardized tests.

Approximately half of the \$495.9 million will go for instruction and instruction-related services. At least 26 percent will be used for fixed charges such as employee benefits. Another 3 percent will be appropriated for food services. Approximately 1 percent will go to the school board. At least 6 percent will be for teacher maintenance, the purchase of equipment and transportation. The last 2 percent will be used for attendance and health services.

The bond issue will allow the school board to sell \$46.8 million in bonds for the construction of new facilities, renovations and modular classrooms.

Half of the money would be allocated towards the renovation of Arts High School and construction of a state of the art addition which would include dance, drama and television production studios.

Other money from the bond issue would be used to build a \$4 million modular classroom addition. The continuation of the Modular Classroom construction Program will be included in the project.

Plans to construct a new (Continued on page 8)

City Rescue Squad might
have to be rescued

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — Safety officials updated the current status of the city's volunteer rescue squad, at their April 29 City Council's agenda items session. "The squad's performance in March was dismal," stated Fire Chief Henry Lariccia who also said that sometimes service is nonexistent. A major problem the squad has had to deal with is 6500 calls a year with a staff of only seven members.

Allegedly 60% of the calls were residents using the squad as a "taxi service" to get to the emergency room at Muhlenberg. The committee found that this situation was still occurring.

The public safety committee which reviews the volunteer organization's actions and responses consisted of Lariccia, Public Safety Director Leon Adams and Police Capt. Richard Berman. The officials feel that the city should seek other means to pro-

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vide the city with emergency service. City Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chin said that she will

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PLAINFIELD — Finance Director, Nat McLean informed the City Council on the evening of April 29 that his meeting with the state Division of Local Government Services didn't answer any of the questions on the transition bonding issue that the council will be posing.

The state agency, instead of approving the \$17.4 million bonding amount and giving the city a better understanding of the terms of the bonds, told the city

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Celebrating 325 years



The City of Newark kicked off its 325th Anniversary Celebration at a recent ceremony in City Hall. During the ceremony, a historic mural of the City, painted by students at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art, was unveiled: shown behind the mural are (from left) Scott Washington, Mark Allen, Connor Laverty, Gardelino Torres, Ingrid Barrientos, students from the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art, Don Miller, art instructor, Steven Lane, and Evan Dawes, also students.

Special Mother's Day
TributesLou Rawls, Etta
Jones, Houston
Person at
Symphony Hall

by Denise M. Germain

NEWARK — WBGO-FM, in association with the Office of Mayor Sharpe James, the Newark College Fund, Inc., and Anheuser-Busch Companies, will present an unprecedented Mother's Day Concert featuring Lou Rawls, Sunday, May 12. Also appearing will be Etta Jones and Houston Person.

The evening will be broadcast live, beginning at 9 p.m. from Newark Symphony Hall. Tickets will be sold on over twelve National Public Radio (NPR) affiliates across the country. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the support of the United Negro College Fund Inc., an organization for which

Rawls has raised millions of dollars. The UNCF enables students to attend historically black colleges and universities.

General Manager of WBGO-FM, Anna Koosf states, "Newark is home to JAZZ 88, and home means, 'Mom.' To spend this day with Mothers from the metropolitan area is special for all

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of us. We are also genuinely pleased to share this rare Mother's Day with Lou Rawls, and it is es-

specially heart-warming that we will have over 100 senior citizens (Continued on page 10)

A CROWN FOR A QUEEN

A tribute to mothers

Put a crown on the lady's head, was all that the crowd kept saying. The lady just stood there with the humblest look on her face. To her everything that she ever did in life was just another task. When she bore her children, it was only because she wanted them. She taught them everything she knew only because she loved them and felt that they should be independent. She kissed them each morning as they left for school only because education replaced illiteracy and knowing is better than not knowing — it was a sense of pride.

When the children became ill, miraculously they became well again with or without the doctor's help. When the children were sick, she knew where to find a smile. This lady even wiped tears away and gave away many hugs and kisses. This lady was so talented and so special. Sometimes people would say that she was a sense of pride.

This lady married a man and she made him happy, too. She always stood by his side. She believed in him. She taught him the meaning of equality and he did not resist. This man knew that this lady was a good lady. He learned many things from her like, loving, sharing, laughing, crying, falling, starting over, pride, independence, maturity, responsibility and respect. Everything about this lady was good and everyone around could only feel close to her.

The lady never slept all night for the days were not long enough to include all of her chores. She never had time to be sick, for others needed her help. She was most happy when she did things for others. Putting herself first meant making sure that others were happy, because if those she cared for and loved were happy then everything was good.

Now it is time to let the lady know everything about her is good. It is time to let the lady know that she is beautiful inside and out. It is time to let the lady know that we respect her and appreciate her and that we learned all the things that we were taught. Most of all, we say to the lady, "We love you."

The crowd encircled the lady on a very special day to show their appreciation for everything that she had done for them. She certainly was no stranger to this crowd and there was not a single person in this crowd that had not been touched by this queen's love. So, they decided to take this day to crown her and to let the world know of her many talents and her good nature. This day is known to everyone with a lady like this in their life ... as Mother's Day.

by Edna Watson
Newark, NJ



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CITY PEOPLE

James proclaims 'Unified EID Committee of NJ Day'



Mayor Sharpe James recently proclaimed "Unified EID Committee of New Jersey Day" in the City of Newark, during a ceremony in his office, in honor of the faith of Islam and the Muslim community's observance of the holy month of Ramadan. The Mayor, center, presented the proclamation to members of the Unified EID Committee, from left to right: Imam Hassan W. Muhammad of the Masjid Mohammad of Orange; Imam Ali Muslim of the Masjid Mohammed of Newark; Brother Yusuf Shakur, president of the Muslim League of Voters; and The Honorable D. Bial Baezley, Councilman, City of Irvington.

Committee of 100 presents awards

by Connie Woodruff

EAST ORANGE—Last week the Committee of 100, sponsors of the annual Essex County Ebony Fashion Fair, presented checks to a dozen organizations involved in fund-raising for non-profits in the Newark area.

Two organizations received checks of \$1,000. They were Newark's International Youth Organization and the United Negro College Fund.

Receiving checks for \$500 were the Bethany Baptist Church

Scholarship Fund, Trinity Episcopal Church's newly established educational Academy, the Volunteer Firemen's Association, a program at Messiah Baptist Church, Newark Branch NAACP, Black United Fund, Toy Bureau of the Oranges and the Connie Woodruff Scholarship for Nursing students at Essex County College.

In addition, Ms. Bernice Sanders, the Committee's president announced the continuation of scholarship grants for Reginald Collins, Alray Blackman and Allen McMillan, three

former Newark Central Ward Boys Club alumni attending college.

These three students recipients are graduates of Shabazz High School and attending college on athletic scholarships. The Committee of 100 is committed to giving them \$500 a year until they graduate.

When the Committee of 100 was organized 32 years ago, it started as a volunteer fund-raising group for the then Third Ward Boys Club and began sponsoring the Ebony Fashion Show its second year in existence.

The Committee of 100 intends to continue this tradition and to help it grow and prosper.

Newark Luncheon honors 'Champions of the Desk Set'

NEWARK—As part of its 35th anniversary celebrations, the City of Newark held its Fifth Annual Secretarial Luncheon last week and made more than 600 local secretaries and their guests happy with gift-shopping bags of personal and office goodies.

In Mayor Sharpe James' absence, his chief of staff, Assemblyman Jackie Mattison brought greetings from the city and presented awards to secretarial honorees for the day.

Among the women singled out for special recognition as champions of the desk set, were Sue Kellie, secretary to Glen Grant, Newark's supervisor of personnel to Ed McLucas, director of Land Grant Use and Development; Rose Marie Plaza, Mayor James' personal secretary; Cheryl Chance of the Sanitation Department and Mary McGill,

executive secretary at the Newark Museum.

Dolores Henry Metz, an assistant to Mayor James coordinated the activities that included a welcome address by Tanya Adler and a solo by Doris Wooten.

The afternoon's highlight was a dinner of fashion by Steven Corn Fun and more than 40 door prizes for lucky ticket holders that included fur accessories and a stunning ranch mink coat, courtesy of the third generation furriers.

Henry-Metz was luncheon chairperson with co-chairs Adeline Adler and Anna Jones. Hostesses for the popular event included Rita Adams, Barbara Foster, Mincey Gould, Lisa Hammette, Jennie Hazzard, Mary Komegny, Keely Leah, Dolores Lewis, Waltsie Lewis, Marie McIntire and Jeanie Palumbo.

Coping

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Confidence, Sex and Happiness

(NND) — A few weeks ago, a reader asked me to write about the most common problems that people want me to help them with. Here are a few more of those problems, along with my brief comments.

What are the most common things that make people lose their mates?

Marriages break up because one or the mates argues too much, refuses to openly discuss problems, is not sexually compatible, refuses to admit mistakes, is not sensitive to the needs of the other mate, and expects to receive more from the relationship than contribute to it.

How can I get rid of the tension in my body?

To get rid of tension in the body, sit in a comfortable chair. Slowly tighten every muscle in the legs, from the feet to the thighs. Hold the tightness for three to five seconds. Then, instantly relax the muscles. In succession, do the same thing slowly with the stomach muscles, the shoulder and arm muscles, the neck muscles and the facial muscles. Follow this entire procedure over 20 times. Eventually, just the thought of the procedure will relax your muscles.

What should I do and what should I not do during the sex act?

Any sexual behavior between members of the opposite sex is deemed acceptable, if it is approved in advance by both individuals, is carried out in the private domain of the involved parties, is not physically injurious to one party, is protected by legal provisions against sexually transmissible diseases, and is considered morally sound by both parties.

How important is astrology?

If you believe in astrology

and your friend doesn't, you will probably never find out if you are physically compatible. Beyond that, compatibility is relatively unimportant, many people follow it (even Nancy Reagan did) but there is no acceptable scientific proof to substantiate its validity. It is more of a fact than anything else.

I want to do something very important, but I am too shy to do it. How can I inexpensively build up my confidence?

Buy an inexpensive tape recorder, with earphones. Record a message in which you describe yourself actually doing the things that you are afraid to do. Record the message in very positive, vigorous and personal terms. EX-AMPLE: "I am walking up to Mary and I feel extremely confident. I have a look of complete confidence in my face. I am walking with vigor and with my head held high. I know that I will succeed." Listen to this message at least once a day, in a quiet room, with your eyes closed. The message will soon filter down to your subconscious, and change your behavior.

What is the most harmful assumption that people make about other people?

There are many harmful assumptions but some of the major ones are: interpreting a person's kindness as weakness, too frequently expecting something in return for your act of kindness, expecting other people to be perfect, wanting other people to accept your weaknesses but your refusing to accept theirs. This just reflects the surface.

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Graham-Brown heads new health association

Mazie Graham-Brown, Plainfield Health Center's Director of Nursing, has been named President of the newly formed Association of Community and Migrant Health Center Nurses of Region II. A division of the U.S. Public Health Service Corps, Region II encompasses New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Graham-Brown said the organization was founded to help nurses become more involved in the inner workings of their respective health centers. "Often nurses don't realize the importance of the work they do; we need a collective group to solve common problems collectively," said Graham-Brown. She went on to say, "We've found that many Community Health Service (CHS) nurses have similar problems, for example, following up on patients is sometimes difficult. A lot of our patients are migrant workers or illegal aliens." Participating in the planning of in-services programs separately (for nurses and collectors) along with other Public Health Service organizations for in-services and re-

lated projects are the association's primary goals. Graham-Brown says she is confident that the new association will help CHS centers solve problems that nurses face from first hand experience in delivering public, primary care health services.

There are approximately 700 nurses working in Region II Community Health Centers. The idea for an association grew out of Region II nurses conferences.

The association recently met to elect officers, formulate goals and solicit new members.

Those officers are President - Mazie Graham-Brown, Vernon NHC; Vice President - Jean Rahmen, Morris Heights HC; Secretary - Katherine Dehengen, A.L. Jordan HC; Treasurer - Con Francis, Mt. Vernon NHC; Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands Representative - Lydia E. Santiago, CAW, Corzal; N.Y. State Upstate Representative - Cynthia North/Patricia Paton, Oak Orchard; N.J. Representative - Vicki Gordon, H.J. Austin HC; Graham-Brown says Gloria Holders-Mosley, Regional II Nurse Consultant, "helped us

independently in getting started."

Graham-Brown says one important goal of the association is "to make nurses more visible. And, we want to raise the consciousness of nurses who provide primary care to patients in Community Health Centers that are federally funded. Community health center nurses just take care of patients; they don't know why policies are carried out, and they need to know to be more effective."

Graham-Brown added, "We plan to become a visible, viable and vocal force in the health care delivery system of the CHS. We are dedicated to giving the best possible care to our outpatients population."

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Sanders said the Committee has earmarked more than \$15,000 for use by the Central Ward Boys Club. "They are our priority," she said.

"The Committee was organized to benefit them and the Central Ward Boys Club will always come first with us. Over the years they continue to need help from their parents and the community and we are proud of the many boys (and now girls) who have developed into successful adults. The Committee of 100 intends to continue this tradition and to help it grow and prosper."

Latin-American music for Mother's Day

NEWARK — To celebrate Mother's Day, the Newark Public Library is offering a musical program featuring Marlene Pettingi, called "The Sweet Voice of Latin-American Song" by Latin-American press. The recital takes place on Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m. in the Newark Public Auditorium.

Marlene Pettingi was born in Uruguay and came to the United States to live at a very early age. She plays the guitar, sings, and writes her own songs.

In addition to folk music, Ms. Pettingi sing "New Latin-American Songs," a relatively new musical movement that combines social-political themes through poetry, folk music, and traditional instruments.

Ms. Pettingi has performed in Mexico, Uruguay, and throughout the United States in theaters, on television, Admission to the program is free. The Library is at 5 Washington Street. For further information telephone 733-7777.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

JERSEY CITY—Fifth annual Cooperative Education Conference. 8:30 a.m., room 202 of Hepburn Hall 2039 Kennedy Boulevard, Registration is \$25. For further information register call 201-547-3005.

WESTFIELD—Epic Garden Club to Meet, Elizabeth Presbyterian Center on First St and Magnolia Avenue. 1 p.m. For further information call 654-9554.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

JERSEY CITY—"Mystery Malt" workshop co-sponsored by the Center for Learning and Library Science, Community Learning.

This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hepburn Hall. Information call 201-547-3094.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

WAYNE—Final Speaker Robert H. Bork in lecture series at William Peterson College. 8 p.m. in Sheer Center, tickets \$12. Information call 595-2371.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

NEWARK—Breast cancer detection program at UMDNJ. Free exam, mammogram \$40 for 35 and over. Appointment required call 456-6666 for details.

UNION—The Union County Board of Freeholders will hold a Bike Ride and Safety Clinic for people with disabilities from 10-2:30 p.m. in Norahagen Park, Cranford. For more info call 527-4930.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

MOUNTAINSIDE—Master Gardeners of Union County annual "Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale" from 1-6 p.m. at Transocean and Science Center, Cole's Avenue and New Providence Road. Admission free. For more info call 654-9554.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

NEWARK—Health Insurance Option for Seniors Explained at information meeting at Newark Public Library 1 p.m. For information call 1-800-624-4478.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

NEWARK—Public Education Setting sponsored by the Newark Board of Education N.Y. & N.J. For more information call 201-688-4709.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

PATerson—Lecture, Reflections on the life of Malcolm X. Free Public Library 250 Broadway 7-9 p.m. For information call 881-7038.

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UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshop at 5 p.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

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NEWARK—The Evolving Cosmos, Newark Public Library "club" Center Hall 7 p.m. Admission is free. For further information call 733-7793.

MILLBURN—Health Insurance Option for Seniors Explained at information meeting at Millburn Public Library 1 p.m. For information call 908-262-4478.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

NEWARK—A pageant reenacting the city's founding will take place from noon to 2 p.m. at the Union County Site, Seidenberg and McCormick Highways. Mayor James, Councilman Grant and members of the City Council as well as other "notable" Newarkers will pay prominent roles in the production.

MOUNTAINSIDE—The Union County 200 Club Spring Valor Awards Luncheon at 12 Noon. Alfarire Restaurant \$40 per person. Guest speaker, Dr. Brown, President, Union County College. For more information call 908-352-0900.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

ENGLEWOOD—Trip to Black Dell Convention in Philadelphia, PA Sponsored by the African American Club Club of N.Y. & N.J. For information call 201-568-4709.

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Zimbabwe: ten years of independence

The land problem

(NNPA) WASHINGTON, DC — Zimbabwe, Africa's newest nation, closed its 10 years of independence on April 18. The country has had a myriad of successes, but to date has been unable to satisfy the most basic demand of the Zimbabwean people: the demand for land.

A quick review of statistics indicates clearly that one of the main goals of Zimbabwe's long bloody war for independence, the "Chimurenga War" as it is popularly known, still has not been met. Of the 162,000 black families in need of land at the war's end in 1979, only 52,000 have been resettled.

Zimbabwe's war, which began in 1966, was fought against a white minority regime who had established an apartheid-like system. The war, fought primarily throughout the Zimbabwean countryside was characterized by indiscriminate bombing, brutal attacks on the civilian population, and collective punishment of civilians through confiscation of land, property and goods. The costs of the war were horrendous: an estimated 40,000 dead, and innumerable environmental damage from bombing large areas of the fragile grassy countryside. But

despite the terrible costs to the people and the country, it may be a decade or more before land redistribution is successfully completed. The principal commitment to fair land distribution resulted from the Lancaster House Agreement — the cease-fire and peace agreement ending the war. The arrangement imposed a ten year moratorium restricting the government from seizing farms or other property. Purchases were only allowed on a "willing buyer/willing seller" basis.

The Agreement has expired and after much debate the Zimbabwean government passed a constitutional amendment that allows them to "identify" land and pay a fair price for it. The first priority will be utilized land. The law has raised concerns for some white landholders who fear confiscation or inadequate payment.

According to a spokesperson for the Embassy of Zimbabwe, the mechanics of the law are still being worked out and no land has been purchased using it. But perhaps this new change represents the first real step of hope for the remaining 110,000 black families still waiting to realize the dream of land ownership.

South African negotiations flounder!

by Daniel Marolen

(NNPA) — Mandela has threatened the South African racist regime with a ultimatum to withdraw ANC from participating in the long-awaited black-white negotiations! He said that, unless de Klerk's regime halts the violence of faction fights of blacks in the country by May 9, ANC's participation in the white-black negotiations will be withdrawn. Little wonder, that Nelson Mandela, who has had that ultimatum, was hauled out of prison fourteen months ago expressly to help democratize South Africa is enraged. Since his release, no progress has taken place towards that end. In fact, the situation has worsened, and Black violence has spread to the industrial heartland of the country around Johannesburg. Since 1986, the violence has gone unchecked by the regime, and 5,000 Blacks have died and more have been wounded from it. All that time, the regime has vacillated from taking drastic action to end the faction fights which are now between Black hostel inmates. Black leaders are not implicated in these fights, but expect the regime to maintain law and order which is its duty. But the regime does not act, for unknown reasons! Hence,

Mandela's anger and ultimatum.

The violence is apartheid-oriented, and takes place between rival inmates of the regime's hospitals, where they are separated into tribal and racial groups. The fight is known worldwide as black-on-black faction fighting, yet it is in reality, apartheid genocide. Everyone expected apartheid to cease these faction fights when Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd, Prime Minister Daniel Malan and their henchmen first institutionalized apartheid. These faction fights are a logical sequel of the institutionalization of apartheid. They are not a creation of Blacks killing other Blacks.

Now, Mandela is disillusioned, browbeaten and perplexed by President de Klerk's failure to live up to his promise to democratize South Africa, and to fail to maintain law and order to stop faction fighting. Instead, de Klerk leaves Mandela, Buthelezi, ANC, INKATHA, PAC and other Blacks to struggle alone to end apartheid in vain! De Klerk has been so lenient and has so rightly enraged by the regime's failure to maintain law and order, and to stop killings of Blacks by the actions of apartheid.

The propagandists for, and "friends" of South Africa and their media now turn to faulting

the Blacks for the violence, and looming civil war and anarchy in the country. But Mandela's ultimatum is based on fact, and is causing the regime to realize that they are being watched. Black people want peace, freedom and justice now, not later, as Soweto said last week. "The Afrikaners are rejoicing as never before. They are happy that the blame is now on Blacks, and no longer on themselves for the racism in South Africa!" The faction fights go on because Afrikaners want them to go on...

Time and again this column pointed out that the South African problem could only be solved through international intervention, not by South Africans alone.

The problems of race and racial discrimination are the world's responsibility. They cannot be solved solely internally. Who can gainst this? The recent Kuwait-Iraqi crisis could not be solved by the two countries alone. There has to be external action. But the mass media and South Africa's propaganda would have us believe that Blacks and Whites alone can end apartheid. That's impossible! Besides, apartheid cannot be their own judge! It's preposterous to think they can...

Since Mandela's release, the power-greedy-National Party led

by de Klerk has only dillydallied with the pushing ahead of constitutional negotiations, and made several not-so-effective concessions, but which left apartheid four-square on its main pillars! ANC, on the other hand, sacrificed its arduous struggle bargaining chip, the ultimatum.

Mankind, and apartheid! It kill! It has turned into a genocide, and has killed and traumatized millions of Africans. Worse of all, it has gone on for too long a time...

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Budget countdown

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they could use the figure only to balance the \$27.8 million budget, and the city would have to go back in June to provide the state with a refined list of bond items.

Included on the tentative list of bonding items is \$2 million for a city-wide cleanup, \$700,000 for the city's self-insurance fund, a \$650,000 reserve for tax appeals, \$500,000 for workers compensation plus other items that total up to an additional \$1.29 million.

In a statement, he thought that the 6-month transitional budget would have to be adopted by April 22, but now adoption might not come until close to the end of the 6-month budget. Councilwoman Faheemah El-Amri aired her frustration with the situation by saying "it sounds as if Trenton doesn't know what it's doing, and we don't know what we're doing; it sounds like they are playing games."

Because the budget has not been adopted yet, the council had to approve a temporary appropriation to cover expenses for the month of May, which amounted to \$2.3 million. The council also approved \$677,719 for the Plainfield Sewer Utility of which \$600,000 would go to the Plainfield Joint Meeting, which is a regional sewer system that the city shares with nine other towns.

Recue Squad

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meet with officials at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center to discuss the probability of a joint venture to provide ambulance service to the city. Larcicia said that the hospital already had maintenance, a billing mechanism and trained medical technicians and in terms of response, it would be extremely beneficial.

Chin cautioned that although the hospital is equipped to help the city with this problem that it will not be free.

She said she receives \$20,000 for operating costs, from the city and also receives free gas, but the city does not pay for the personnel. Officials estimated in March that if the squad was replaced with a paid service, it would cost the city up to \$500,000, but at the session stated that if the city worked with the hospital \$35,000 could be the tab. Chin said that she would keep the council abreast of her meetings with Muhlenberg.

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EDITORIAL

Young mothers need more assurance on mothering

This Mother's Day, while we celebrate our mothers for their love, sacrifice and guidance, we need to also focus on mothering and giving guidance to the young mothers who have been told, more recently, by society they cannot be responsible for their child's or children's behavior. However, unless all children are taken away from mothers under a certain age who do not have a certain level of maturity, more must be done to teach these young women mothering and self-development skills.

Any young woman who becomes pregnant and has a child, whether in her early teens or before she is mature and ready to handle the responsibility, is jeopardizing her future if she is not willing to work hard to overcome many obstacles and barriers. Raising a child is an awesome responsibility that requires patience and caring. I often see young girls in their early teens walking or putting their young children around the street yelling, "Come on here, I can't you keep it!" "I'm tired of you crying all the time!" "If you don't shut up, I'm going to whip you!"

Unfortunately, these young mothers, children themselves, have little idea as to the impact of their words or tone on their children. After all, they are caring for their children, often times like they were cared for. Many, however, are just so young their emotional immaturity and lack of education doesn't allow them to respond any other way.

Perhaps on this Mother's Day we ought to recommit to providing these young mothers with parenting and self-development training. We need to help them better understand that many young women before them made the difference in the lives of their children through love, caring, and commitment. They need to know it won't be easy; however, mothering never has been.



by Connie Woodruff

There is no truth to the rumors that Dr. Ralph T. Grant is planning to hold on to the Newark City Council presidency after July 1st when the mantle will be passed to councilman-at-large, Donald Tucker, in accordance with last year's agreement to have rotating presidencies until the next Newark city election.

I am, however, Grant, a

Democratic candidate for Sheriff of Essex County, reminded me

he was the "architect" of the

compromise to have four councilmen serve one year terms as council

president."

"I am a man of my word," he

emphasized, noting that "whoever

started this particular rumor is

only seeking to drive a wedge

between me and Councilman

Tucker Bradley and Harris who

will serve as city council

president in that order in the next

three years."

Grant assured me his efforts

outside the day-to-day council

responsibilities, are concentrated

on winning the Democratic primary

in June and preparation for election

in Sheriff in November.

Denying other rumors he may

accept an appointment to a county

position, Grant had an emphatic,

"No way, I already have a job that

keeps me busy bringing a better

quality of life to the people of

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Former Newark municipal judge, Milton Buck had the unique experience of learning first-hand what life is like behind bars when he was arrested for non-payment of support to his former wife last week.

Luckily for Buck, his stint in jail lasted only a few hours by sheriff detectives carrying out orders from Superior Court Judge Peter Cass of the Chancery Division in Newark following an afternoon hearing.

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YOUTH / EDUCATION / SUCCESS

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Plainfield student addresses statewide conference

MADISON—Sherice Koone of Plainfield, a sophomore at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Flora-Madison campus, spoke on April 28 at the third annual statewide conference on multicultural Strategies for Race, Gender and Class Perspectives in a Global Society. The conference was sponsored by the New Jersey Multicultural Studies Project at Kean College in Union.

Koone, an accounting major discussed—from a student's perspective—the value of the FDU CORE program's ability to expand a student's view of diversity and individualism. In addition, Margaret Sikowski of Colts Neck spoke in appreciation of the multifaceted role of women in society.

that FDU's CORE program displays, and Mark Sapara of Elizabeth discussed the value of the common experience that the CORE program provides all students at FDU.

The conference's guest speaker, Dr. James Standifer from the University of Michigan, commented:

"The goal of multicultural studies is achieved when students react in this manner."

FDU's nationally recognized CORE curriculum consists of four integrated courses required of all undergraduates and designed to provide them with a common base of knowledge. Through the sequence of classes, students are exposed to some of the most basic issues that confront responsible members of the human community.



New Jersey's First Lady Lucinda Florio (left) congratulates Toshi Kabayama of the Newark School of Industrial and Fine Art, winner of the art contest to display original work in the Garden State Arts program brochure. Toshi was also congratulated by NJ Highway Authority Chairman Robert J. Jablonski. The competition was open to the entire enrollment of the Newark School of Industrial and Fine Art of approximately 150 students including students from fifteen foreign countries.

Area high school students get \$1,000 Nets awards

EAST RUTHERFORD — Ana Abrantes of Newark and Sam Kim of Harrington Park were selected from over 500 New Jersey High School seniors to receive \$1,000 college scholarships by the New Jersey Nets, it was announced by Nets Executive Vice President Bob Casciola.

This is the eleventh season the National Basketball Association and the Nets have awarded scholarships to outstanding local high school seniors. The winners were among 40 students throughout the nation who will be recognized by the NBA and its partners as part of the league's scholarship program, first started in 1980.

Abrantes and Kim were chosen by a panel of judges consisting of leading educators, sports journalists, and media personalities based on SAT scores, high school transcripts, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, and a 500 word essay on the subject "The Value of College Education." Casciola presented certificates to the scholarship winners during a pre-game ceremony at Meadowlands Arena on April 16.

"We are very proud to award these two outstanding students with college scholarships which will be used to further expand their academic capabilities," said Casciola. "We know education is a very important step in the development of our youth. Ana and Sam should be very proud to be selected from several hundred

very qualified applicants."

Abrantes, age 18, a senior at Newark's East Side High School, is academically number one in her class out of 530 and has a 1500 SAT score. She is a point average (based on a 4.0 scale). She also performed very well on the SAT Test, achieving a cumulative score of 1400. A member of the National Honor Society and Assistant Editor of East Side High School Newspaper, Abrantes is also captain of the school's tennis team. She plans to further her academic background next year by studying psychology in college, in pursuit of a career in psychology.

Kim, age 18, of Northern Valley Regional High School in Demarest, is ranked number one in his class of 193 and has achieved a SAT score of 1540. Kim is a National Merit Semifinalist and the captain of his school's Debate team. He is a two-time state participant in various football, and serving as captain of the school's track team. Kim is also a member of the National Honor Society, and achieved a 4.667 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Kim plans on continuing his education next year at college in the field of history.

The Nets, in their continuing efforts to serve the growing needs of the community, are proud to recognize these two college-bound students and help them further their success in academia.

Calling all crafters of children's merchandise

PLAINFIELD — Festival for Kids invites all crafters of children's merchandise (specifically for children from birth to 10) to be a part of Handmade for Kids. The festival is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at Plainfield High School in

CAN'T TOUCH THIS

Main Source: Looking at the Front door to Success

by Terry Benjamin

Main Source—The Large Professor (Paul Mitchell), Sir Scratch (Kevin McKenzie), and Sean (Sean McKenzie)—stepped into the studio on Wild Pitch records, an independent record company that continues to be true to the street flavor of rap's early days. Although "Breaking Atoms" is fresh out of the box, there are enough familiar elements to make this new release a sure fire hit with "starving" like MCs. In other news, Main Source can't get enough of that "funny stuff." Case in point: the first two singles released from this LP, "Watch Roger Do His Thing" and "Looking At The Front Door," have already earned critical acclaim.

"Watch Roger Do His Thing" is not your ordinary hip hop classic. This track celebrates intelligence, chartering Roger's rise to success through education. The message: It's "hip to be square." Question: Roger's life seems incomplete right?

That's what you can find and might do.

It may sound corny but it's true

Roger does his thing and so can you.

So get your head out the sling

And watch Roger do his thing.

With brilliant keyboard work by J.D. Drumsticks (Roger Stevenson), this strong single and subsequent video impressed Stylus, a magazine of hip hop culture. The video, directed by Paul Mitchell, he immediately signed him to his label. His faith was rewarded with their hip hop masterwork on male/female relationships, "Looking At The Front Door." And when you're with your friends

We fight every night now that's not kosher
I reminisce with bliss of when we were closer
And wake up greeted by an argument again
You act like a ten
So immature I try to concentrate on a cure
And keep looking at the front door

Main Source
Looking At The Front Door

of rap has been developed and popularized by groups like Boogie Down Productions and Public Enemy. Main Source's contributions to this exciting genre include "Snake Eyes," "Just A Friendly Game Of Baseball," and "Play It Not The Word To Play."

Meditating on corruption in America, "Snake Eyes" is a metaphor with punch as the Large Professor raps: "I watch people roll dice in the jungle of concrete / With 'em corrodes the streets / Where the girls get fool on the guys/say? They roll snake eyes." Even more to the point is "Just A Friendly Game Of Baseball" where the word "game" is used to describe the often violent interaction between cops and black youth. "Once a brother tried to take a leave/But they shot him in his face/Saying he was trying to steal a base."

Unexpected samples characterize the style of Main Source, providing freshness to a widely used rap. Jazz samples provide a funny, dance track for "Peace Is Not The Word To Play."

"I've seen people on the street Shoot the next man and turn around and say peace But that's leaving people in pieces It's not what the meaning of peace is."

To me it means absence of all confusion."

The Large Professor, lyricist/rapper, born in Bakersfield, raised in Queens, is ably assisted by K-Cut and Sir Scratch two brothers from Toronto Canada, who later moved to Queens. The three met at John Bowne High School and now as Main Source, they are busy making hip hop history.



I glide to the side 'till the spotlight
is mine And never let me
sabotage a good time

But when they're not around the
fights commence
I'm the one you're against and it
doesn't make sense.

Main Source stays close to its
street roots with funky beats and
intelligent lyrics. "Vamos A Ra-
pido" is a challenge to the competi-
tion, especially to those rappers
who have tried to go pop with a
more commercial sound. To those
"wack M.C.'s," the Large Pro-
fessor offers this advice:

We built it up for you without
selling out
And still got soul
So you continue to sell and be a
sap

And when you're ready to snap
I'll tell ya, let's rap.

"Live At The Bar-B-Que" is a
rap symphony featuring the Large
Professor with rappers Nas, Joe
Fatai, and Akinyele. On the solo
is "Just Hangin' Out" where the
Large Professor raps humorously:
"I'm mainly known for the rough
raps/But kids steal my lyrics like
hip cap/And eat 'em like stacks
of flap jacks/like buck rats." In a
similar groove is "He Got So
Much Soul" and the Large Pro-
fessor's "Scratch & Kut" features
the cutting and scratching genius of
Sir Scratch and K-Cut, a musical
interlude, a pause that refreshes.

The social commentary style

Mayor returns to Alma-Mater for Discover Africa Day

NEWARK—"Some 41 years ago, I attended the Miller Street school and it is a pleasure to come back and celebrate Discover Africa Day with you today," Mayor James told a bright crowd of 500 fifth through eighth grade students at the Carter G. Woodson Foundation's Artist-In-The-Schools program.

The school hosted the The Caribbean Theatre Company for a stage performance of "Cric Cric," a dramatic presentation of storytelling in the tradition of African tribal griots who were charged with the responsibility of learning and passing on the centuries-old stories of villages, clans, families, and great heroes.

In recognition of Discover Africa Day, Governor Florio commented by letter: "I commend the Woodson Foundation and the Newark School Board of Education for their efforts to expand student awareness through the Discover Africa Education project. It is important for our students to gain an appreciation to the rich and diverse cultures of the African continent. The Project exposes them to new ideas, cultivates their desire to learn of new experiences and affords them the opportunity to study a culture which has heavily influenced American society."

Several Miller Street school



Miller Street School student speakers join their special invited guests during Discover Africa Day celebration. (I-R) Misty Waller, Sherrod Cullum, Maris McCormic, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Latoya Jackson

children delivered speeches on what Discover Africa meant to them. Mayor James presented a Proclamation declaring Discover Africa Day in Newark. He told the audience.

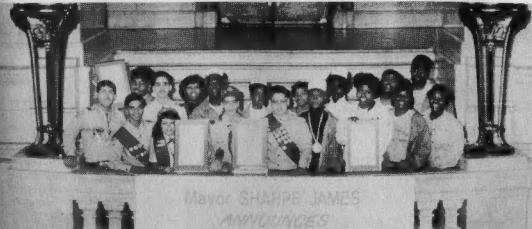
"The Discover Africa project offers activities that help black children develop a sense of racial pride and belonging. During these times

of racial tensions, understanding African and other ethnic cultures can help to bridge the gap between various groups," commented the Woodson Foundation. The Board of Education and other groups involved with the Discover Africa Education Project for giving Newark grade school children a greater sense of African-American her-

itage, and the historical culture of all people."

The Woodson Foundation, with sponsorship from the Newark Board of Education, will implement the Discover Africa Education Project in twenty-three Newark elementary schools during the 1990-91 academic year.

National Youth Service Day in Newark



Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently proclaimed National Youth Service Day in the City of Newark to recognize the many significant contributions made by young Americans. Youth members from the Boy's and Girl's Clubs, the International Youth Organization (IYO), the Girl Scouts (troop #617), and the Boys Scouts (troop #18) participated in the event.

Citywide Parents Council

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Annual Parents and Kids Who Cook

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 9

TRENTON—"An Issue," a co-production of CTN and Religious Subcommittee will air on at 1:30 a.m. Discussion about War and Religion. For information call 609-392-3560.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

PLAINFIELD—The United Methodist Women of the Plainfield United Methodist Church will hold their "Turner Sale" today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall, 631 East Front Street. Good used and unused items, children's clothing, household items, jewelry, toys, novelties, and more. Also a snack bar. For information call 908-757-7825.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

ENGLEWOOD—Second Annual Spring Revival at 7:15 p.m. Bethany Pentecostal Church. The Revival will continue through May 17. For more information call 201-569-5245.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

NEWARK—A special jazz and gospel concert, "Newark Grooves: A Celebration of the City's Music" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Mary Burch Auditorium at Essex County College. A reception will precede the performance.

PATERSON—A Gospel Concert by United Presbyterian Gospel Choir. 375 Van Houten St. Cover of Broadway & Graham Ave. 7 p.m. Donation \$5 for information call the location.

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel Fest semi-final competition at Antioch Baptist Church on West 128th Street in Harlem. For information call 212-527-8800.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

PLAINFIELD—The Young Voice of God's Apparition will hold an Appreciation for Gary Kirkwood, Pastor for 10 Years Dedication. Tickets \$7, \$9 at door 120 West 7th St church office. For information call 733-6767 or Gloria Logan at 754-9283.

Mayor Palmer publicizes need for foster parents for minority children

TRENTON — Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, of Trenton, recently hosted a press conference geared at publicizing the need for foster parents for minority children.

It is estimated that 65% of all the children in need of foster parents in the State of New Jersey are African-American. Mercer County, there are presently an estimated 3,000 children between infancy and twelve years old under the supervision of the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS). Approximately 85% of these are African-American children.

There is a great need for foster parents for infants and young children," Mayor Palmer said upon launching the campaign to increase awareness for this need. "Statistics of children in need of good homes are very dramatic. Even more dramatic is the fact that each one of these numbers represents a child who needs to be loved and nurtured in a secure family environment. We are open to parents and our children grow up to be productive members of our society."

Representing the Urban League were Melvin Brice, Jr., project director of the Urban League of Essex County, who is spearheading the foster care effort; and Paul Pintella of Metropolitan Trenton Urban League, who is participating in the project.

Information on being a foster parent may be obtained by calling the Urban League of Essex County at (201) 624-6660, or by calling your local Division of Youth and Family Services District Offices (Mercer County D.O.): (609) 895-0400.

Business in the Black...

Jamaica No Probl'm!

Profit potential plentiful on Paradise Island

by Charles E. Bell

(NNPA)—Jamaica is open for business according to Prime Minister Michael Manley. Manley sent a trade mission as far away from the adorable island in the sun as possible — California — to convey the message. Doing business in Jamaica means making a profit according to the Ambassador, Special Envoy, Chief Trade Representative of Jamaica and Director of JAMPRO, Peter C. V. King, Kingston, Jamaica. Just to prove their point, the Prime Minister in a previous address to his parliament announced "a radical

change in direction which will, among other things, involve the free play of market forces in the determination of prices." Profit in short is no longer a dirty word in Jamaica.

In fact, one can earn a rather high return on simple savings on deposits in Jamaica's commercial banks. "For the first time in its history as an independent nation, Jamaica has opened the country to capital from the international economy," according to the Honorable Hugh Small, Jamaica's Minister of Industry, Production and Commerce. Complete with new financial "A" and "B" accounts. The Scotia "A" accounts can be opened and maintained in US dollars, Canadian dollars and/or British pound sterling with interest paid in like currency.

On the other hand, the interest rate on such accounts is around 12%. "A" accounts require a minimum deposit of \$1,100 and earn tax free interest with a time restriction to qualify for tax free status. Deposits can be made either directly to Jamaican commercial banks or through their correspondent US banks. Maximum amount of deposit, however is \$10,000 per account. "B" accounts are ideal savings plans for individuals who pay higher rates, around 18%, but must be converted into Jamaican currency upon withdrawal.

What about a business or buying land in the lush island? Still no problem! No restrictions on purchase of property by foreigners and raw land costs run only about \$1,000 an acre. A seat for starting to build upon. Unless you think Jamaica is just for tourists, think again. Agriculture and culture are prime sources of revenue for the island and opportunity for entrepreneurs. Everyone is entitled to a loan for developing a decent business.

Bulging with bucks, about U.S. \$10 billion to loan to be exact is "936" Financing. Facsimile Luisa Cesar, Director, Washington Operations, Committee on Small Business, Economic Development Administration at FAX: 202-662-8904 or call Caribbean Partnership for Partners, Peter Homes, Executive Director at 202-857-0620 for loans in the amount from one to ten million dollars at an interest rate of two points above prime. Finance Minister Manley put the trade mission out to put the word out that making a home in Jamaica is no problem. Perhaps the easiest way to get a start is to use JAMPRO, Jamaica's Economic Development Agency, by dialing Donna Ehard, Trade Commissioner, 212-371-4800, she is at JAMPRO's office, 866 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

Children under stress need special care

by Dr. Diane K. Shrier

STRESS is a fact of life—even in childhood. How children deal with stressful events has been a recent focus of the media because many youngsters either have participated in or witnessed violence in the Persian Gulf or watched the conflict on television. But war is not the only event that can evoke significant anxiety in children.

Events that may cause a child to feel some degree of stress fall into three categories:

- Developmental or environmental events such as weaning, toilet training, starting school and the increasing demands for self control and responsibility as a child grows older.

- Disturbing events such as accidents, illness, or the death of a relative; or new events such as the birth of a sibling, moving to a new house and school, the first summer camp experience.

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Events often refer to stress as if it were a disease. But while stress can be damaging, and overwhelming at times, it has potential benefit for a child. It can build character and mobilize a child for a leap in maturity.

The amount of stress a traumatic event may produce varies from child to child. A child's reaction will also vary at any particular time in his or her life.

When a child who has been

feeling stress is governed by a variety of biological, psychological, social, cultural and developmental factors as well as the nature of the event causing the stress.

If a child cannot handle a stressful development, he or she

is likely to help your child.

* Be open, sharing and honest when talking about a traumatic event with a child no matter how old he or she is. Such an approach is important for building a child's

sense of trust in his parents and for strengthening the child's capacity to cope with adversity.

* Build the child's psychological immunity to stressful events by providing information and talking with a child in advance. For example, help a child understand grief by talking about the death of a friend's pet or a distant relative. The child so prepared may be less likely to be overwhelmed when a significant death occurs.

* If the child is having trouble coping, talk about the problem in smaller doses. Provide factual information. Listen to how the child feels.

* If the child continues to have significant anxiety or becomes hyperactive, the parent may want to consult an experienced child psychiatrist or other mental health professional.

Children have a remarkable ability to overcome adversity and cope with the inevitable stresses of childhood, but having caring, understanding support is a major asset.

Dr. Shrier is professor of both clinical psychiatry and pediatrics at the New Jersey Medical School of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She lives in Montclair, NJ.



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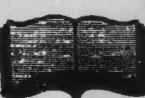
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NEWARK—House Jazz Panel at Newark Public Library, 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 733-7793.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

NEWARK—Newark MediaWorks presents a movie *Tidal* at 8 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. General admission is \$8, full-time students w/ID and seniors \$5. Atrium, 2 Washington Place at Broad Street, 6th floor. For information call 643-6877.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

RAHWAY—One-night-only performance of the Xavier Cugat Orchestra, Union County Arts Center, Ex. 135 of the GS Parkway 1601 Union St. 8 p.m. Tickets \$17.50, and \$20 for more information call 499-8226.

BUNDAY, MAY 12

WYNB.—William Paterson College Concert Choir presents its annual spring concert, 4 p.m. Sheer Center admission is free. For more information call 595-2371.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

METUCHEN—An *Art Misbehavin'* at the Forum Theatre, 314 Main Street. The play will run through June 9. Tickets range from \$17.50—\$22.50. For more information call 988-546-0582.

NEWARK—Newark MediaWorks presents a movie *Camille Claudel*, A. 2 Washington Place at Broad Street, 8 p.m. Tickets \$10. General admission \$8. Seniors and full-time student w/ID, \$5. For more information call 643-6877.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

PATERSON—Joe Williams and Trio at Rosa Parks Arts High School, 7 p.m., sponsored by The Woodson Foundation. For more information call 201-242-0500.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

PLAINFIELD—The Crescent Area Neighborhood Association, presents a 50th birthday benefit *Folks Fever*—A Sock Hop—8 p.m. Grimes House 1127 Washington Avenue. Tickets are \$22.50 for more information call 769-9435.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

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SATURDAY, JUNE 1

FRESHFIELD—Shenandoah Chorus to present spring concert, highlights from Franz Joseph Haydn's *Seasons*. 8 p.m., 118 West Main Street First Presbyterian Church. Tickets \$9 general \$7 student/senior for information call 477-4582.

LETTERS

(Continued from page 4)

an objective, polarized to frustration," it must be predicated on a set of procedures consistent to the application. To believe, confess, "God's word relative to your circumstances" act, and receive is the faith formula. This formula can be depicted in a separate realm and subject to different requirements than those that so eloquently influenced your article. The context—"scientific proof, common sense, and perceived sense" which would include one's emotional feelings are not a prerequisite in this formula and therefore it does not apply.

In your article it is suggested to objectively measure its vitality or existence through logical reasoning or some other phenomenon. Given the conditions set forth and mentioned herein one might and their might plausibly "cloud." More like, attempting to mix apples and oranges. They do not mix. This very fact is the primary reason [that] for centuries scientists and the scholarly have been baffled and will continue to be astonished. So to dilute or taint this process as you have ubiquitously advocated "having scientific proof, common sense, or perceived sense" as a method of measurement would only eddy, disrupt, circumvent, and convolute the process. Moreover, stymie, short circuit, and impede one's path from launching into action.

It can be inferred from your article you are in need of cleansing brainwashing and you are a non-believer in search of clarity and veracity.

Kevin Sanders
Newark, NJ

boration of their culture.

The Rod Rodgers Dance Company and Ladygourd Sangoma, a South African dance group will be featured in the evening dance program at night. Both companies are New York City based and have toured worldwide. They represent the best of African and American dance, music and performance dance. The Rodgers company is now in its twentieth season. One of its signature pieces is "Poets and Peacemakers," dedicated to broader understanding and appreciation of the rich legacy of historical figures including Langston Hughes,

George Washington Carver, Martin Luther King, Jr., Duke Ellington and others.

Ladygourd Sangoma is comprised for four women: Abimondyla Best, Tiye Girard, Pat Hall-Smith and Pam Patrick. With their own home-made instruments and in African dress, they sing and dance to a unique merging of African music with familiar idioms as blues and jazz. Sangoma is Zulu for "One aware of the spirit of her ancestral heritage."

Tickets for the evening performance are \$15. For more information and sales: 201-643-8009.

CITY LIFE

Dance Africa Americana and outdoor bazaar at Symphony Hall

NEWARK—Dance Africa Americana, the final presentation in Newark Symphony Hall's current "Best of America Dance" in its "Live at the Hall" series will be given on Saturday evening, May 18 at 8 p.m. in the Second Floor Theater. It will be preceded by a long outdoor bazaar beginning at 6 p.m. and continues until 9 p.m. in the Hall's Brownstone Park at 1020 Broad Street, Newark.

The day long outdoor bazaar will feature the food, clothing, jewelry, and other artifacts of over seventy authentic vendors. The plethora of products represents the best in African, Caribbean and African-American taste traditions a glorious cele-

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Commission of Jamaica (New York) Award.

In 1987 Martin served as expert witness, United States House of Representatives, House Judiciary Committee, sub-committee on Criminal Justice, testimony on a bill to exonerate Marcus Garvey.

Martin received his M.A. and Ph.D in History (African/American/Caribbean History) from Michigan State University; he received his B.S. degree in Economics from the University of Hull, England; and received his Barrister-at-Law degree from the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, London, England.

For more information and directions to the Plainfield Public Library please contact Ms. Carolyn Logan, day 908/231-4398 or evening, 908/561-1696 or Katherine Bankole, day 908/257-2015 or evening 908/755-5463.

Tony Martin to speak at the Plainfield Public Library

PLAINFIELD — Dr. Tony Martin will be the guest speaker of the Langston Hughes Lecture Series on Sunday, May 19, 1991. The presentation will take place from 3 - 5 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library. Martin will be speaking on "Malcolm, Martin and Marcus" and the analysis of the ideology and life works of Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Marcus Garvey. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Tony Martin is professor and chair in the Department of Black Studies at Wellesley College. Dr. Martin is noted for his extensive research and analysis of the Universal Negro Improvement Association. Martin, a prolific author, has written books, pamphlets and articles including: *Race First: The Ideological and Organizational Strug-*

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Sonny Jim Gaines stars in his Folks Remembers a Missing Page'

NEWARK—James E. "Sonny Jim" Gaines, one of American Theater's most prominent and debonair stars, "Folks Remembers a Missing Page" in the Second Floor Theater at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street, Newark, Thursday, May 30 through Sunday, June 2 as the Black Theater Surprise in its American Theater Festival.

Harlem native Gaines, an original member of the New Lafayette Theater there, was recently featured on Broadway in "Mule Bone." He has written for himself a personal revist of the glory days of Harlem through the eyes of a homeless elder citizen he calls "Folks." His intimate and theatrical encounters of a Harlem past are related to Harlem today.

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attention of the New Lafayette group, and he won an Obie Award for his performance in Ed Bullins' "The Fabulous Miss Maudie." He is also noted for his portrayal of the title character in Ron Milner's "What the Wives Sellers Buy" at Lincoln Center; in Richard Wesley's "The Taledent Tend"; at City Center; and Crossroads' production of "Black Edges." On television he appeared in "Freedom Road" with Muhammad Ali; with Esther Role, Diana Carroll and Ruby Dee in Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and in Wesley's "Sophisticated Gents."

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\$10 at the door. Call (908) 287-1261 for information.

Planning Committee to meet

The Langston Hughes Lecture Series program planning committee will meet in the Plainfield Public Library on May 14 at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and present suggestions for the 1991-92 season.

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PLAINFIELD—He convinces an audience to join him on stage. He asks the rest of the audience to shout out random words of their choice. Then reply by shouting out various and sometimes bizarre dialogues without hesitation. He performs a complete comical situation using the audience's exact words or implications. The situations are always different; but the results are the same: hilarious and comical. His name is Lucky and the improvisational scene is called "The Devil Made Me Do It."

"You Name It" is one of the many comical character situations performed in "Wanted For Comedy" on Thursday, May 9, at Lily Greenleaves in downtown Plainfield. Others include: "Mary's Lamb," "The Devil Made Me Do It," "P.O.W.," and "The Stormy Weather."

Lawren is an aspiring recording artist with an "En Vogue" look and a voice to match.

Lawren opens at 8 p.m.; show time at 9 p.m.; \$7 with reservation;

'Coming Home' 12th Annual Poetry Program at Newark Library

NEWARK — The Newark Public Library's Twelfth Annual Poetry Program, "Coming Home," will take place on Saturday, May 11, at 1 p.m. in Central Hall. The keynote reader for the afternoon is Toi Derricotte, a distinguished poet, who will read from her three published collections.

Ms. Derricotte's poetry has been widely acclaimed. Of the most recent collection, *Captivity*, Sharon Olds writes: "This is one of the most beautiful and necessary voices in American poetry today." Publishers Weekly notes: "Derricotte smoothly blends personal history, invention and research in her focus on the black female experience, a springboard for a broader exploration of subjugation." Audre Lorde says of Natural Birth: "Because the power of her images breeds vibrations which are neither easy nor escapable, Toi Derricotte moves us ... through worlds some black women have always known, but at times suspected live only on the inside of our own eyelids."

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Toi Derricotte, a recipient of two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, grants from the New Jersey State Council on Arts, and the Maryland State Arts Council. She is a recipient of the Lucille Medwick Memorial Award from the Poetry Society of America, a Pushcart Prize, and the Folger Shakespeare Library Poetry Committee Book Award. Her work has appeared in many journals.

The poet is Associate Professor of English at Old Dominion University, and in 1990-1991, the Commonwealth Professor of English literature at George Mason University.

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TUESDAY, MAY 14

NEW BRUNSWICK — Business Planning, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 200 Broad St., per person, \$50 each additional employee/family. RSVP required. For information call 212-415-7985.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

UNION — Adult Advisory, a community service of Keen College is offering free evening workshop for adults considering re-entering college. For information call 927-2210.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

CHERRY HILL — Motivating the Workforce 2000, 8-10 a.m. Find out how to motivate a diverse workforce, while maintaining your competitive edge. Cherry Hill Industrial Park, Filbert St., Rm. #14, Ewingbrook & Springfield Rd., Cherry Hill, admission, \$30 same day registration. For more information call 609-227-7200 ext 273, or 800-336-5963.

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Business Exchange...

The African Summit

by William Reed

(NNPA) — It is time for people of color to carry our own so that more of our color can carry on now and into the future. If my brother is fighting the bear, it is up to me to help him while I help myself. As the world becomes more of a "global village" and we reach across the waters to help our kith and kin in the Mohawkland, shouldn't we be more informed and intelligent in our actions to help the people of color in Africa?

Recently more than 500 African-American civil rights, business and political leaders went back to Africa to hold a three-day conference aimed at strengthening ties between America and the African continent. Billed as "the first-ever African-American/African Sum-

mit," the assembly in Abijan, Ivory Coast, was designed to help build a more powerful lobby for African interests among policy and decision-makers in the U.S. The summit's organizer, civil rights leader Rev. Leon Sullivan, second American, and the West, of Iglesia de la Iglesia of Africa and called on Black Americans and Africans to recommit ties of race and heritage and to assume greater responsibility for Africa's development.

Sullivan, author of the Sullivan Principles for fair employment guidelines for U.S. companies in South Africa, believes that more of us can carry on if we develop better ways to carry our own. But he knows that African ignorance about Africa hinders our ties and hampers our outreach toward African development efforts. Unlike the white community's linkages to Eastern Europe,

people of color know little about the actual conditions, leaders or wishes of the people of color in Africa.

The average Black American's knowledge and contacts into Africa doesn't extend much beyond the apartheid issue in South Africa. And in this case our knowledge and our contacts provide an illustration by using the story about the man fighting the bear. If in our naivete what we've done to help in South Africa is similar to the assistance we would give the man fighting the bear, he would say "help the bear." Few of us know that there are over 40 countries in Africa, and it is evident that most African-Americans don't know that Black South Africans have the highest per capita annual incomes on the continent.

As we assume "greater responsibility for Africa's develop-

ment" and "build a more powerful lobby" for African interests in the U.S. we have to be careful that this "help" does not follow the folly of the economic precedent we've set in South Africa. While war was raging in Liberia and Angola; famine was killing tens of thousands in the Sudan and Ethiopia; government strife and destabilization was occurring in Malawi, Mozambique, Somalia and other countries.

Native Black Americans are "throwing the baby out with the bathwater" by pushing for economic sanctions to put the people with the most wealth and education on the continent out of work. With more information about Africa, African-American future efforts toward that continent will have more focus around basic issues of war, pestilence and famine to go with our ideals of a universal political franchise.

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If we are to re-cement ties to race and heritage in Africa, we will have to go beyond race relations in South Africa. To have any impact in the development of Africa we collectively need broader education, and contacts to help us separate myths from the realities there. Direct knowledge about the continent, its countries and its needs can help each group of us toward our common economic interests. We can be more sensitive and responsive to mutual needs for productivity, competitiveness and profitability in all our communities of color with intercommunication. As we compile more information regarding a convergence of interests, here and there, we can organize around specific areas where we have the human and monetary capital to help.

Americans are "sitting on a goldmine" that we can share, and ourselves, toward realizing that wealth if we use investment models such as that being employed by white Americans in Eastern Europe. Information is power and to have real power toward the development of the Motherland we need direct information. Film clips and white newspaper reports from Africa have as much reality as Tarzan stories. We can have direct dialogue toward African government, businesspeople, teachers, and interested parties should contact the Reconstruction Coalition Committee for Liberia, P.O. Box 369, Washington, VA 22747, (703) 871-7476; International Exchange Network, #101 14th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 371-1313; Cecile Sanders Construction Company, and Newark Deputy Mayor for Economic Development Everett Shaw.

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James names Convention Center task force

NEWARK — Mayor Sharpe James has appointed a Task Force to come up with a plan for a convention center in New Jersey's largest city.

William Tremayne, president of the Newark Economic Development Corporation and senior vice president for public affairs of the Prudential Insurance Company, has been named to head the task force.

James noted, "The recent years, Newark, with its wonderful location, outstanding transportation network and ever-expanding economic development, has seen major growth in business travel and the hotel industry.

We believe this activity, spurred by the expansion of domestic and international flights at Newark International Airport, sup-

ports the need for a meeting and convention center," he stated.

The Mayor said a convention center would complete the triangle in Newark's quest to become a major business, arts and cultural center in the 21st century.

The other two parts of the triad, the \$200 million New Jersey Performing Arts Center and mass transit link from downtown Newark to the Airport, are already on the books and off the ground or underway, he added.

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CITY SPORTS

Spann, Brown bring civic pride to Plainfield

by Fern Taylor

Grant Avenue Community Center was abuzz with civic pride recently as the community honored two of its most celebrated citizens, boxers Glenwood Brown and Tracy Spann.

The small, intimate family-type atmosphere seemed to uplift the hearts of both Spann and Brown as the two buddies circled about the ring, waving and hugging and emanating the crowd.

Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell, told the boxers, "We love you, support you and are very proud of you. You'll always have a home to come back to," adding, "I'm a praying man, and I hope that every night you get on

your knees and pray."

"This is a day that should be a part of our history," said Larry Hazard, New Jersey Boxing Commissioner, "for once, we are recognizing our own for their accomplishments."

Brown, 23, and Spann, 26, both products of the South Street Youth Center boxing team run by Dan Davenport and Albert Mills, are on the verge of becoming world champions.

Spann (33-1, 24 knockouts) has been in the ring since 1985, turning Brown on June 28th for the IBF and WBC welterweight championship. If, as reports indicate, Simon Brown decides to relinquish his belt to move up to another weight class, the "Real Beast" will fight Buddy McGirt for the title.

Spann (26-0, 20 knockouts) has a lightweight bout slated for June 28th versus Featherweight champ Jorge Pacz, after which a title shot against undisputed lightweight champion Pernell Whitaker awaits.

Davenport, who is training fighters in Europe, sent these words via Steve Jordan, who's group United Organizations of Plainfield organized the toast:

"Remember who your friends have been, and remember who your friends are."

Plainfield legend Milt Campbell, 1956 Olympic gold medalist in the decathlon, inspired the gathering with words of wisdom and encouragement. "There are two young men, they're my heroes," he said. They are proof positive that you don't need the drugs, that

you don't need the steroids. You just need to be a little different, and add that little extra."

Other highlights of the evening were a youth karate demonstration by the Menaji-Kai Dojo and a stirring rendition of "Inseparable" by Lauren Larsen.

Plainfield pride came bursting through in the fighter's remarks.

"I was born here, I was raised here, and I'll always be Glenwood Brown from Plainfield," said Brown. "When I get in that ring, you know what I'm gonna do. It's going to be 'Real Beast' time."

Spann: "This is a very happy moment for me. I'm enjoying this. I want to thank God for giving me the strength and the determination to carry on. I love Plainfield. I was born and raised here. Hey, what can I say?"

Mother's Day tributes

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joining us from area senior citizens Centers as honored guests.

Mothers from the metropolitan area can share this special day with Lou Rawls, one of the smoothest, most distinctively recognizable voices of our time. Rawls, who was raised by his grandmother and grew up in Chicago, joined the choir of the Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church when he was seven, attending church every Sunday with her.

This did not prevent him however, from enjoying more worldly music, and he frequented the south side's Regal Theater, catching Billy Eckstine, Arthur Prysock and other R&B greats. Even as an adolescent, his friends included Sam Cooke, Curtis Mayfield, members of the Staple Singers, the Flamingos, the Dells and the Impressions.

Since singing with Capital Records in 1960, Rawls has produced a steady body of work which has proven to be timeless. The success of his singles like "Love Is A Hurting Thing" and "Your Good Thing (Is About To End)," and ground breaking albums like *Lou Rawls Live, Lou Rawls Soulful, Lou Rawls Carries On!, Too Much!*, and *That Lou*, put him in the league of the top ten artists of all time.

Mayor Sharpe James commented by saying, "It gives me both pride and pleasure to have Lou Rawls in Newark, New Jersey. His unsurpassed talent embodies much of what the city has strived to achieve with the revitalization of Newark excellence. Our Cultural Renaissance is the result of a public and private sector effort to make culture paramount in the lives of the people who live and work here."

The Mayor concluded by

adding, "Newark in its heyday was a jazz mecca. This wonderful city still responds with the spirit and the musical legacy left to us by jazz greats Sarah Vaughan, Woody Shaw, Wayne Shorter and others. It's a joy to have Mr. Rawls with us, to pay tribute to the many mothers who should be honored throughout the year."

A V.I.P. Reception, sponsored by Anheuser-Busch Companies will be held in honor of the day's guests at 12:15 p.m. The concert will follow immediately after, at 2:30 p.m. Guests attending the reception will have an opportunity to meet their host, Lou Rawls.

The V.I.P. gathering will also offer hors d'oeuvres, champagne, beer, and a special Mother's Day gift package. Tickets are \$40.00 and include both the Reception and V.I.P. seating at the 5:30 p.m. concert performance. For additional information, call JAZZ 88 at (201) 624-8009.

Additionally, there will be a second performance of the Lou Rawls Mother's Day Concert. The evening's second performance will be held at 9:00 p.m.

Tickets for concert performances only, are \$22.50 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Call (201) 643-8009 for concert performance tickets only.



Etta Jones and Houston Person perform for Mother's Day tribute at Newark Symphony Hall

Racism charged

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creation last month of an executive level position, filled by a white woman. He contends this is essentially the same job eliminated two years ago, then held by a black woman.

Two years ago the Authority highered Odeilla T. Welch, a black woman to fill the newly created position of Deputy Director of Administration. They also hired a white man, Anthony Frate to the new job of Director of Operations. Both jobs paid \$90,000. Governor Florio, then a candidate for office, stated his opposition to the new positions, saying they would be a waste of taxpayer's money.

Once elected, Florio ordered Chairman Robert Jablonski to abolish the positions. Jablonski asked Robinson if he had objections to keeping the white woman who was a Democrat, and eliminating the post held by the black woman who was a Republican. Robinson said he was "incessant at the idea of eliminating the position held by the black woman," and the Chairman decided to abolish both positions.

Another grievance held by Robinson concerns the two people who were hired recently to fill

the positions of staff attorney and director of central purchasing. Both jobs pay \$65,000. "No Blacks or Hispanics were considered for either position," Robinson said.

New Jersey Highway Authority employs about 14,000 people and controls an annual budget close to \$180 million. About 200 workers are based at the agency's headquarters in Woodbridge, and approximately 13 to 14 upper management-level Robinson.

Of the top management-level staff, "one is one is Black," said Robinson, referring to Willie Jones who was recently promoted to the position of Personnel Director. Robinson said that when Jones was promoted, taking the place of a white man, the salary on the position was cut by several thousand dollars.

New Jersey Highway Authority, an autonomous government agency, is responsible for jobs and sets its own salaries. The Governor appoints the Chairman of the Commission and has the power to veto the agency's actions within ten days of receiving its minutes.

The only black to serve on the Commission in its 35-year his-

tory, Robinson was the one who pushed, with strong opposition, for an affirmative action policy in 1985. Now he says "it's a totally meaningless policy with no one to enforce it."

Dennis Ingoglia, Director of Public Affairs, said "in terms of affirmative action, the Authority has had a long-standing commitment and written plan. I know it is the intention of the Chairman of this Authority to hire minorities."

However, Ingoglia said as of the end of the first quarter of 1991, 90 employees are classified as officials, administrative or professional staff, and of this group, "there are seven blacks, one Asian and 82 whites." Chairman Jablonski was appointed two years ago.

Discrimination at the New Jersey Highway Authority can only be stopped if the Chairman and/or Governor decide to take affirmative action. This week Robinson sent a letter to Chairman Jablonski, detailing his concerns, and awaits the chairman's reply. As Ingoglia pointed out, the Commissioners speak for themselves. Chairman Jablonski was not available for comment at press time.



Payne to hold hearings

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to attend.

At Payne's request, members of the House Subcommittee on Select Education will travel from Washington to Newark to hear testimony from health professionals, advocates for children and advocates of community organizations about the plight of abandoned infants.

Payne plans to introduce a major legislative initiative in Congress to assist babies who are abandoned by their parents because of drug addiction, AIDS infection, or other problems.

"This hearing will provide an excellent opportunity for members of our community who are directly involved in the care of abandoned infants to share their experiences and suggestions with the Subcommittee," Payne said. "Hospital resources are being stretched to the limit as over-worked healthcare professionals

try to give border babies the care and attention they need. The information gathered at the congressional hearing will help us draw up a plan of action to bring much needed relief to caregivers and give abandoned infants a chance to succeed despite the unfortunate circumstances under which they begin life."

Those invited to testify at the include Health Commissioner Frances Dunston and Bernard Dickens, President of United Hospital Medical Center as well as several other health care professionals and representatives of community-based organizations. In addition, requests of federal grants for demonstration projects will discuss their efforts to assist families by providing comprehensive services for parents and infants.

Joint Connection offers free transportation for Mother's Day

The Joint Connection will offer free transportation service to mothers of adult and juvenile offenders going to visit a son or daughter in one of New Jersey's 27 correctional facilities on Mother's Day, May 12.

In addition, free rides will be extended to a prisoner's child(ren) or to a person bringing the child(ren) to a visit. Other visitors will pay the normal fare, which ranges from \$2.50 to \$13.00 round trip. For information, call 596-1122.

Dr. Dorothy Height to speak at Mother's Day observance

NEWARK—Franklin-St. John's Church on Maple and Keer Avenue will observe its annual Mother's Day Worship Service on Sunday, May 12, at 11:00 a.m. The church doors will open at 10:00 a.m.

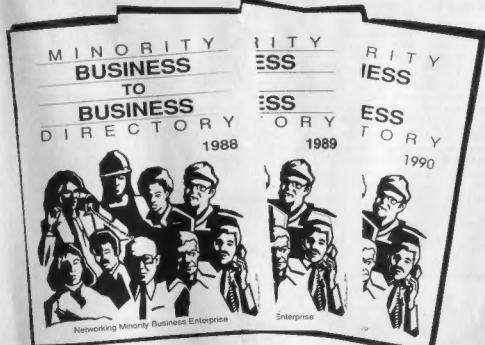
Dr. Dorothy I. Height, national president of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and past president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be the guest speaker. While working as a counselor for the Welfare Department in New York, Dr. Height joined the NCNW in 1937 and became a leader in civil rights unfolded. She served on the national staff of the YWCA from 1944 to 1974.

Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell, pastor of Franklin-St. John's said "Dr. Height's presence and words will give encouragement to the Beloved Community on how to strengthen the black family via programs and education. Mothers, fathers and youth will experience hope when they hear Dr. Height." The public is cordially invited to attend.

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